

**In the Claims**

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents as follows:

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24. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein with the function of a wheat isoamylase, selected from the group consisting of
- (a) a nucleic acid molecule encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3,
  - (b) a nucleic acid molecule comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or a part thereof or a ribonucleotide sequence corresponding hereto;
  - (c) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions with a nucleic acid molecule mentioned under (a) or (b) or is complementary thereto, and
  - (d) a nucleic acid molecule whose nucleotide sequence deviates from the sequence of a nucleic acid molecule mentioned under (a), (b) or (c) owing to the degeneracy of the genetic code,

the nucleic acid molecule mentioned under (a), (c) and (d) having over 90% identity with SEQ ID NO:2.

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27. (Twice Amended) The nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 24 comprising regulatory elements.

- D9*
29. (Twice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule which specifically hybridizes with the nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 24 and has a homology of over 90% with SEQ ID NO:2.

- D10*
32. (Twice Amended) The vector as claimed in claim 31, wherein said nucleic acid molecule is operably linked in sense orientation to regulatory elements which ensure transcription and synthesis of a translatable RNA in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells.

- D11*
45. (Twice Amended) Propagation material of the plant as claimed in claim 40.

Please cancel claims 47-50 without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents.

**In the Abstract**

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with that set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.